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1. COMMUNITY DRAFT ON OBSTACLES TO TRADE, TRANSMITTED

REFTEL, GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE AS BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION
WITH EAST, WITH FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS.

2. IT SEEMS TACTICALLY PREFERABLE AT THIS POINT FOR
WEST TO LEAVE BALL IN SOV COURT AS TO INTRODUCTION OF
SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO MFN. THIS COULD AVOID BREAK
BETWEEN US AND EC OVER MEANING OF MFN TREATMENT.
FROM US STANDPOINT IT COULD REDUCE RISK THAT MFN,
WHICH HAS BECOME IDENTIFIED WITH US, WOULD BE
SINGLED OUT WHEN DEALING WITH GENERAL PROBLEM OF
REMOVING OBSTACLES TO TRADE. BASIC ISSUE IS
DISCRIMINATION, WHICH CEMA MEMBERS PRACTICE VIA
DIFFERENTIAL TARIFF TREATMENT AND EC VIA QRS. THEREFORE,
DELEGATION SHOULD SEEK IN JANUARY 17 MEETING DELETION
OF REFERENCE TO MFN IN PARA G AND REPLACEMENT, IF
NECESSARY, BY BROADER REFERENCE TO REMOVAL OF OBSTACLES
TO FREE FLOW OF TRADE WHICH WOULD COVER ALL VARIETIES
OF DISCRIMINATION.

3. PARA O IS SUFFICIENTLY GENERALLY WORDED THAT IT

COULD REFER TO MTN OR TO EVENTUAL BILATERAL TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS WITH EASTERN COUNTRIES AS WELL AS TO
NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN COMMUNIST AND EASTERN COUNTRIES.
WE WOULD, HOWEVER, BECOME CONCERNED SHOULD EFFORT
BE MADE IN CSCE ITSELF TO REVISE PARA TO GIVE
SPECIAL IMPETUS TO TRADE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN
COMMUNITY AND EAST OUTSIDE CONTEXT OF MTN. WOULD
ALSO SUGGEST INSERTION AFTER "ADDITIONAL MEASURES"
OF PHRASE "CONSISTENT WITH THEIR INTERNATIONAL
OBLIGATIONS."

4. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT IMPLICATIONS OF PARAS K,
L, AND N OF DRAFT RESOLUTION. WHILE OBVIOUSLY
INTENDED TO PROTECT THE MARKET ECONOMIES FROM
ARBITRARY GYRATIONS BY THE PLANNED ECONOMIES, THEIR
REVERSE APPLICATION WOULD RAISE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS,
SINCE THEY SEEM TO REQUIRE TYPES AND DEGREES OF
EXPORT AND IMPORT CONTROL INCONSISTENT WITH OUR
MARKET ECONOMY. DELEGATION SHOULD SEEK CLARIFICATION
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OF THIS POINT FOR WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION.

5. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE EXPLANATION OF MEANING
OF PARA M.

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